

SENATE BILL 3541

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 33; Title 34; Title 35; Title 39; Title 55; Title 56; Title 57; Title 67; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to long-term care.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-1409, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection (c):

(c) On or before January 15, 2009, the commissioner of health, in consultation with the commission on aging and disability, shall submit to the general assembly a plan for comprehensively rebalancing the long-term care services delivery system in this state. The plan shall specifically address the need for appropriate levels of service in both nursing homes and home and community-based services.

SECTION 2. On or before February 1, 2009, the commissioner of health, after consultation with the commissioner of mental health and developmental disabilities shall, report to the health and human resources committee of the house of representatives and the general welfare, health and human resources committee of the senate on the existence to any barriers for the provision of personal support services as part of home and community-based services offered by agencies licensed by the department of health and the department of mental health and developmental disabilities.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.